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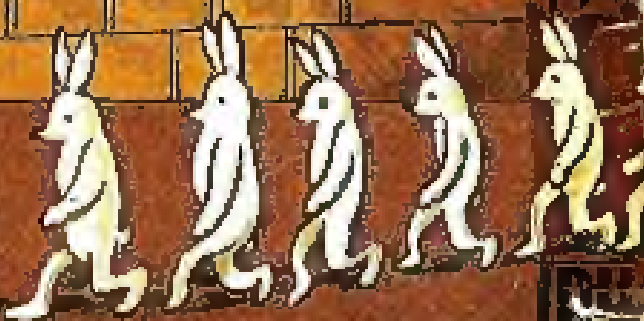
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THE CLEVER SOLDIER

Based on a Russian folktale

Script:
Prasad Iyer
Illustrations:
Ravi Vasanthar

TSAR DOLMAT WAS VERY ANGRY WITH HIS DAUGHTER, THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS LENA.

THAT'S ANOTHER BATCH OF SUITORS YOU'VE TURNED AWAY, YOU FOOLISH GIRL.

BUT... BUT I DIDN'T LIKE ANY OF THEM.

AT THIS RATE YOU'LL REMAIN A SPINSTER THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

IT'S TIME TO TAKE MATTERS TO MY OWN HANDS.

MINISTER!

SEND OUT THE CRIERS. LET THEM ANNOUNCE THAT I WILL GIVE MY DAUGHTER IN MARRIAGE TO THE ONE WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF A HUNDRED HARES FOR A MONTH.

BUT... BUT...

I DON'T WANT ANY ARGUMENTS.

I'LL SEND OUT THE CRIERS AT ONCE, YOUR MAJESTY.

JUST THEN BORIS, A POOR SOLDIER WHO HAD BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY, WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE CAPITAL.

HEY! WHAT'S THIS!

IT'S A CAP AND THERE'S A MESSAGE SCRAWLED INSIDE.

"WEAR ME AND COMMAND ANY ANIMAL AND WISH FOR ANY FOOD."



AND SO EVERY DAY BORIS WOULD LINE UP THE HARES AND TAKE THEM OUT TO THE FIELDS. IN THE EVENING HE WOULD RETURN THEM TO THE ROYAL ENCLOSURE.



THE DAYS SWIFTLY PASSED, AND THE TSAR AND TSARINA BEGAN TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS.

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE HE IS GOING TO WIN.

I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF OUR DAUGHTER MARRYING A COMMON SOLDIER.



...I WISH I HADN'T BEEN SO RASH, BUT I ONLY WANTED TO GIVE OUR DAUGHTER A JOLT.

A JOLT? YOU DOLT, WE WILL BECOME THE LAUGHING-STOCK OF THE KINGDOM IF HE SUCCEEDS.



NEVER MIND, I HAVE A PLAN TO THWART HIM... LISTEN... BZZZ... BZZZ...

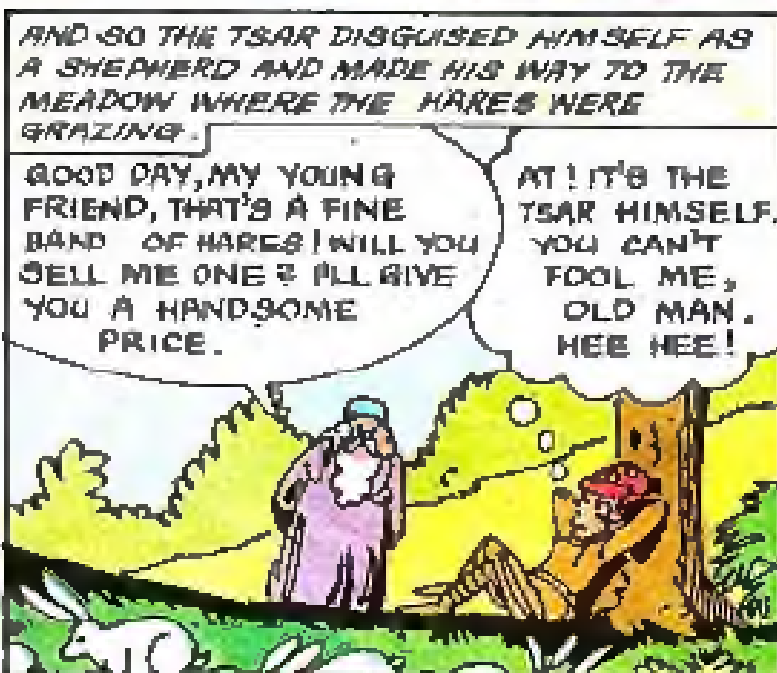
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, BUT I MUST ACT FAST. THERE ARE JUST TWO DAYS LEFT FOR THE MONTH TO END.



AND SO THE TSAR DISGUISED HIMSELF AS A SHEPHERD AND MADE HIS WAY TO THE MEADOW WHERE THE HARES WERE GRAZING.

GOOD DAY, MY YOUNG FRIEND, THAT'S A FINE BAND OF HARES! WILL YOU SELL ME ONE? I'LL GIVE YOU A HANDSOME PRICE.

AT! IT'S THE TSAR HIMSELF. YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, OLD MAN. HEE HEE!

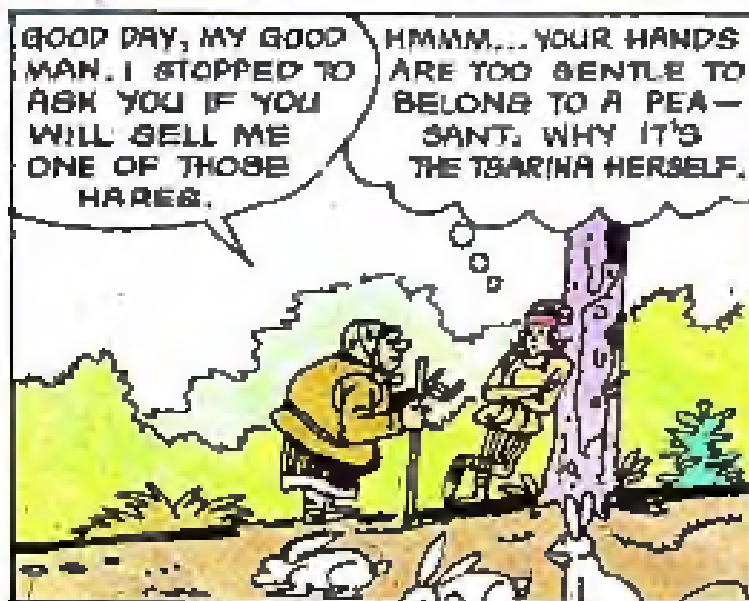
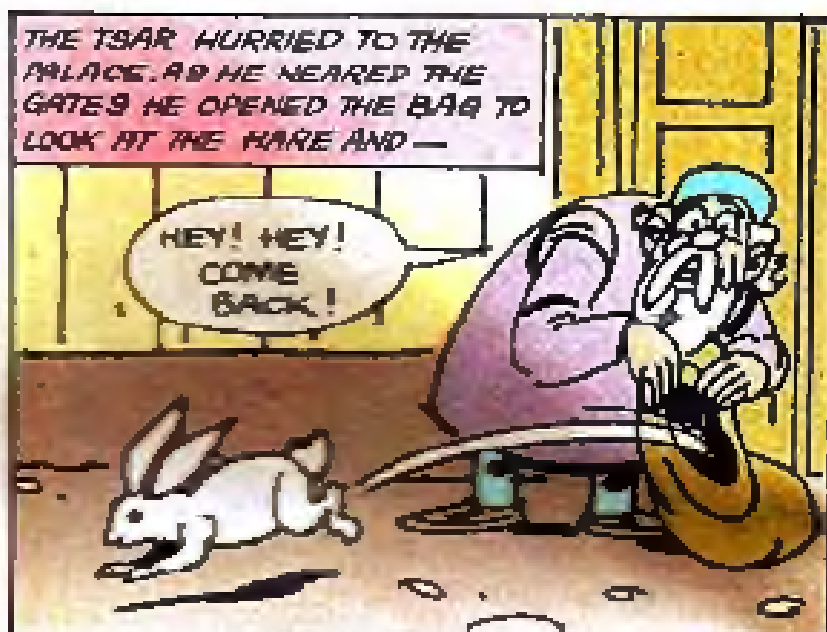


WHAT COULD A TRAMP LIKE YOU PAY ME!

ME! A TRAMP! HOW DARE YOU...















It happened to me



I was once travelling by bus. I was wearing a gold chain. I felt around my neck and found the gold chain missing. I started crying. The bus stopped. The conductor, on learning that my chain was missing, started searching the passengers. Accidentally I touched my shirt pocket and felt something. I took it out and found that it was my missing gold chain. The chain had broken and fallen into my shirt pocket.

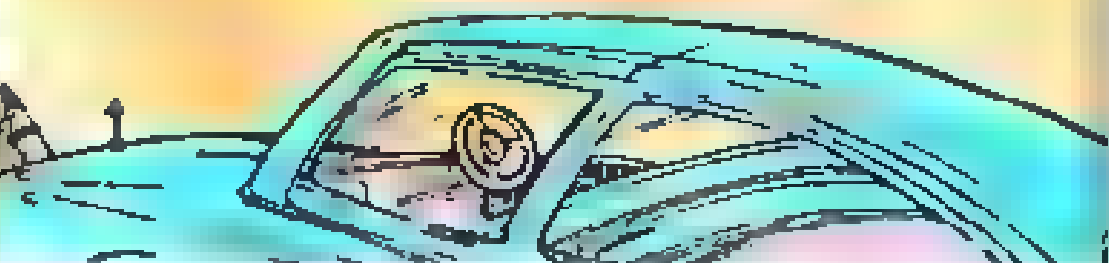
A true-life story sent by Master B Subramaniam
287, Indira Nagar
II stage,
Bangalore-560 030



I still recall that stormy night. After attending a party given by my uncle, my father and I were returning home from Mohali. We were travelling on the outskirts of Mohali. Suddenly, by the light of our car we saw a dog lying about five metres ahead of us. So my father had to stop. Cursing the dog, he got out to drive it away. To his horror, he found that the bridge (made of mud) in front

of which the dog had been lying, had been washed away and that the river was flowing swiftly below. My father alerted the police. Huge lights were placed in front of the bridge. The police thanked us and they were surprised to hear from us that the dog was the real saviour. To this day I shudder to think of the mishap which would have taken place had it not been for that dog.

A true-life story sent by Master Amit Suri, House No.3248 sector 23-D, Chandigarh-160 023.



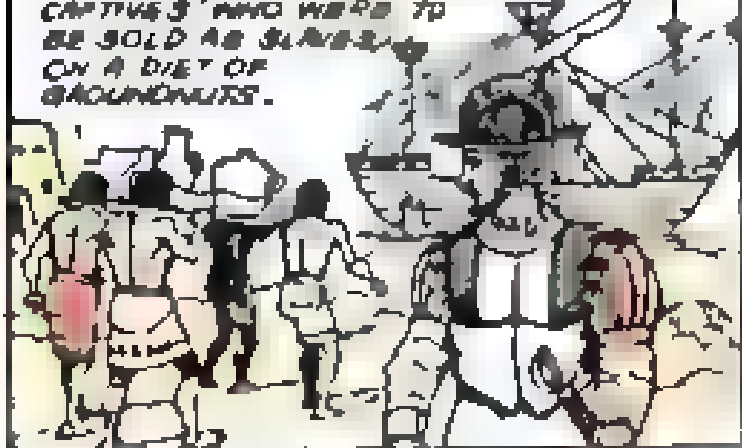
THE NUT FROM UNDER THE GROUND

Script: Shubha Rao
Illustrations: Gaurav Sen

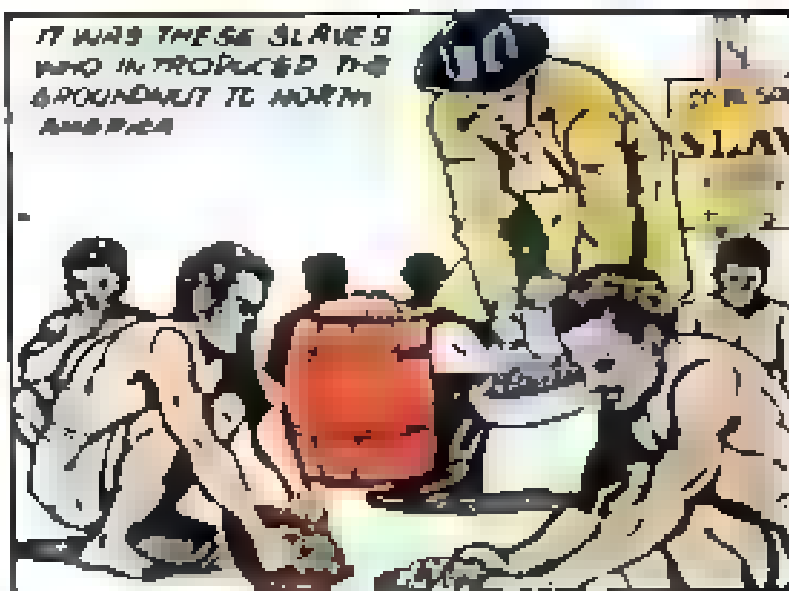
GROUNDNUTS ARE ONE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND NUTRITIOUS FOODS KNOWN TO MAN. THE INDIANS OF SOUTH AMERICA ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN CULTIVATING GROUNDNUTS ALMOST 2000 YEARS AGO. POTTERY JARS SHAPED LIKE GROUNDNUTS HAVE BEEN EXCAVATED FROM INCA TOMBS.



THE SPANIARDS BROUGHT GROUNDNUT CULTIVATION TO EUROPE AND THEREAFTER IT SPREAD TO AFRICA AND ASIA INCLUDING INDIA. SLAVE TRADERS USED TO FATTEN CAPTIVES WHO WERE TO BE SOLD AS SLAVES ON A DIET OF GROUNDNUTS.



IT WAS THESE SLAVES WHO INTRODUCED THE GROUNDNUT TO NORTH AMERICA.



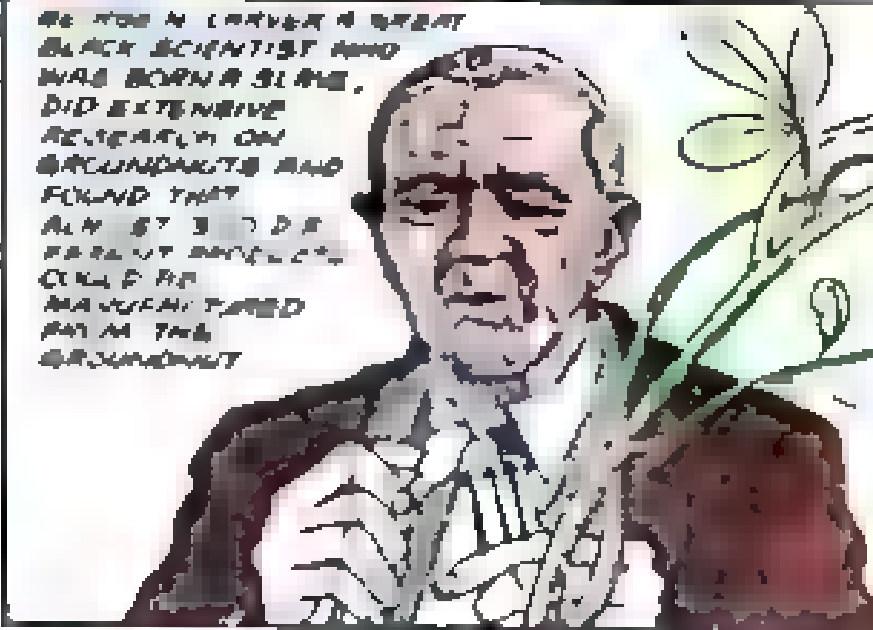
IN THE YEAR 1890 A DOCTOR IN THE UNITED STATES GOT THE BRIGHT IDEA OF GRINDING THE NUTS TO A SMOOTH PASTE, TO GIVE TO INVALIDS. THIS WAS THE ORIGIN OF PEANUT BUTTER. PEANUT BUTTER WAS AN INSTANT HIT WITH THE AMERICANS AND NOW THEY CONSUME THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF PEANUT BUTTER IN THE WORLD.



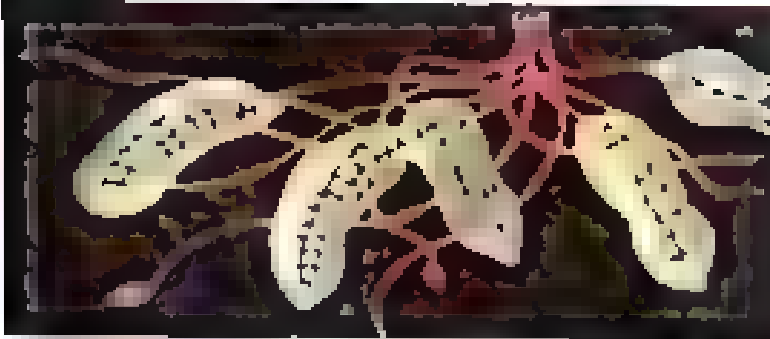
GROUNDNUTS ARE GROWN WIDELY IN CHINA, INDIA, IN AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES EXCEPT IN THE U.S. GROUNDNUTS ARE MAINLY USED FOR MAKING CROISSANT OIL



DR. ROBERT CARVER A GREAT
BLACK SCIENTIST WHO
WAS BORN A SLAVE,
DID EXTENSIVE
RESEARCH ON
GROUNDNUTS AND
FOUND THAT
ALTHOUGH THE
PLANT ITSELF
COULD BE
MANUFACTURED
FOR THE
GROUNDNUT



TODAY, GROUNDNUTS GO INTO THE
MANUFACTURE OF SUCH DIVERSE
PRODUCTS AS SHAMPOOS, SOAPS,
PAINTS AND DYNAMITE



THOUGH WE CALL IT A NUT THE GROUNDNUT
IS NOT A TRUE NUT IT BELONGS TO THE FAMILY OF BEANS
AND BEARS THE PLANT IS A BUSH AND BEARS LITTLE YELLOW
FLOWERS JACK THE FLOWERS ARE POLLINATED THE STALK
ELONGATES AND THE FLOWERS DROP DOWN AND GET BURIED
IN THE SOIL THEN THE SEEDS NUTS DEVELOP UNDER THE
SOIL THE FLOWERS NUTS THEREFORE HAVE TO BE DUG OUT
OF THE SOIL

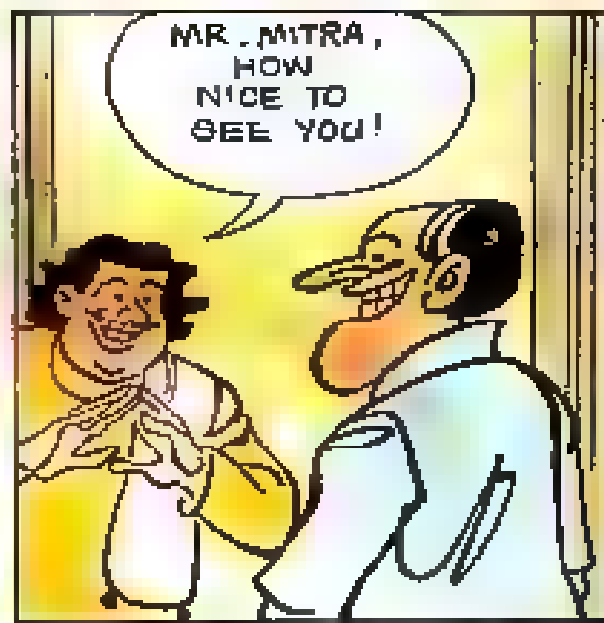
SENSE OF HYGIENE

A SUPPANDI TALE

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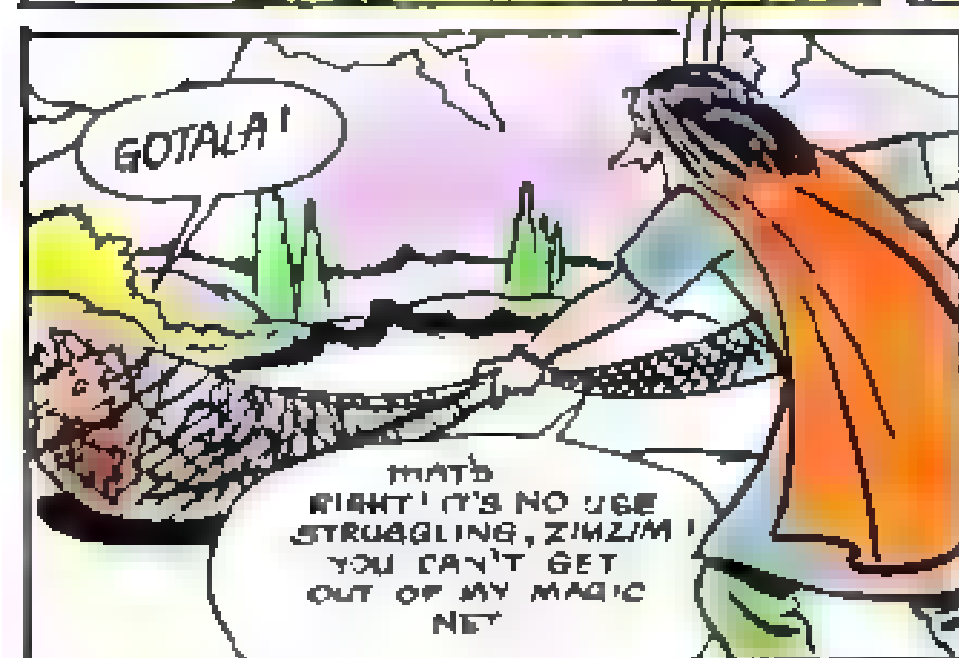
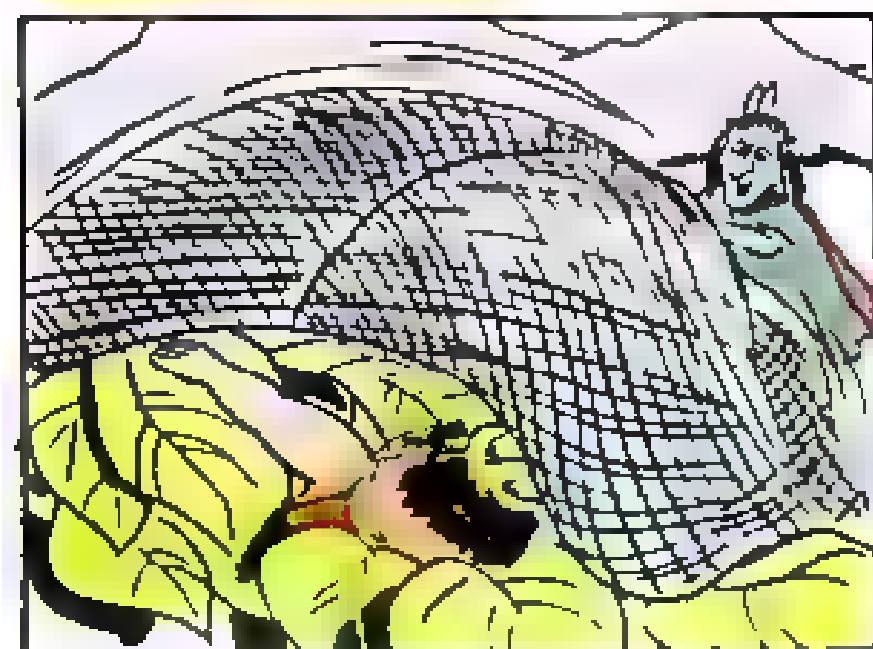
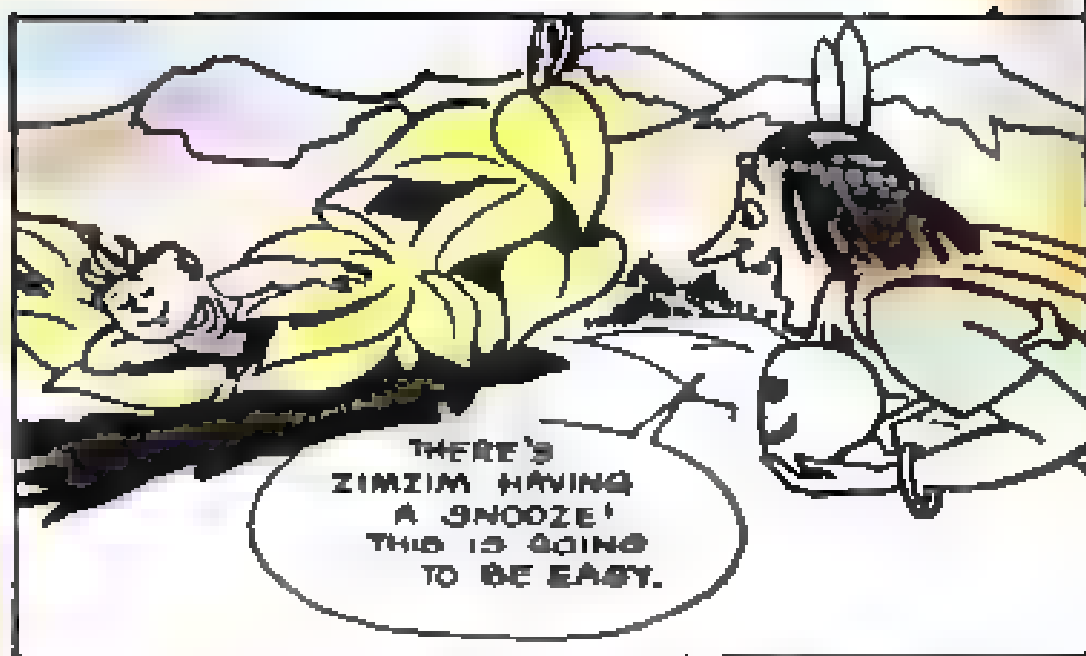
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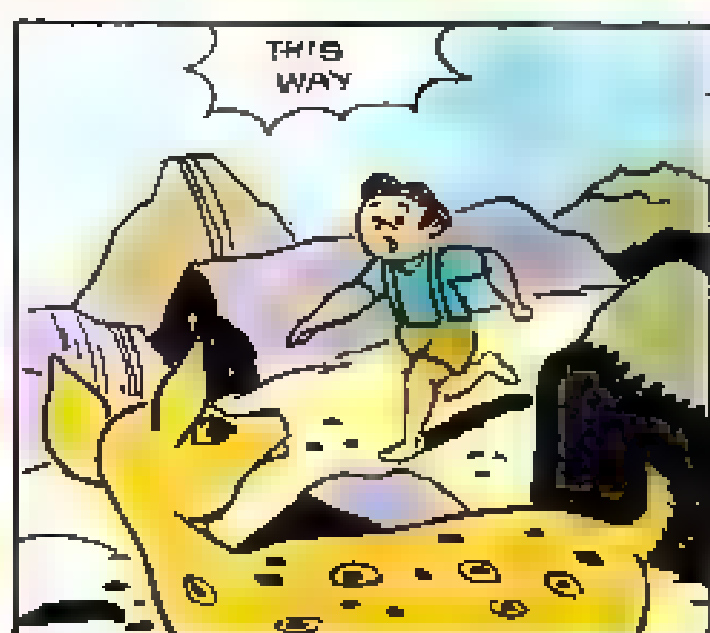
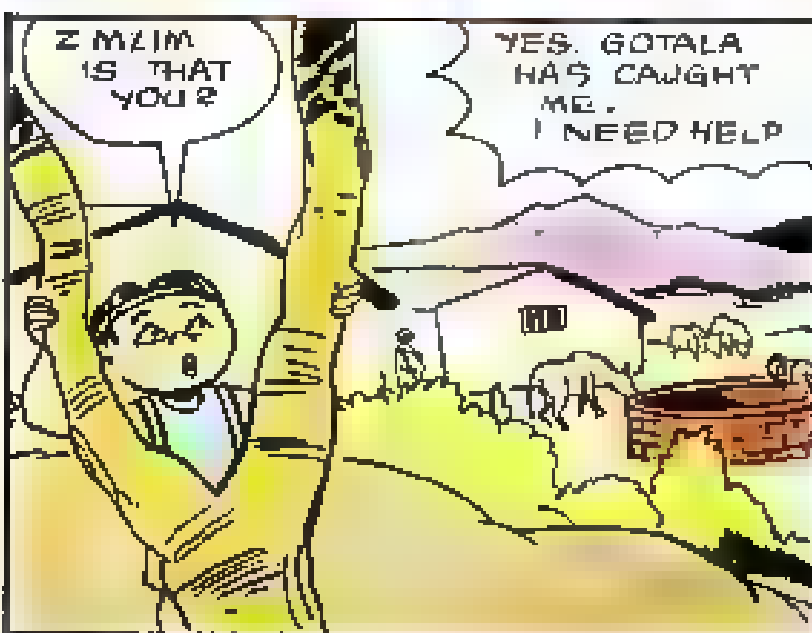
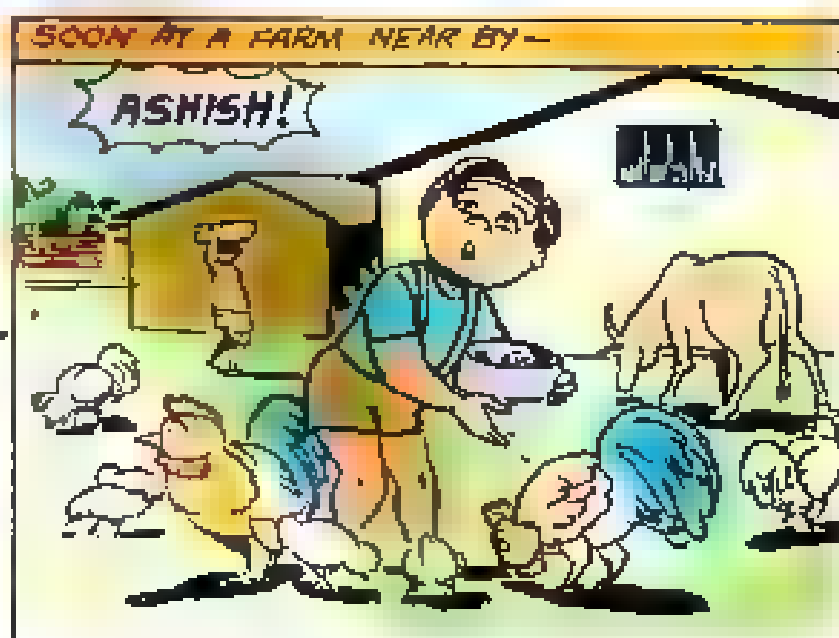
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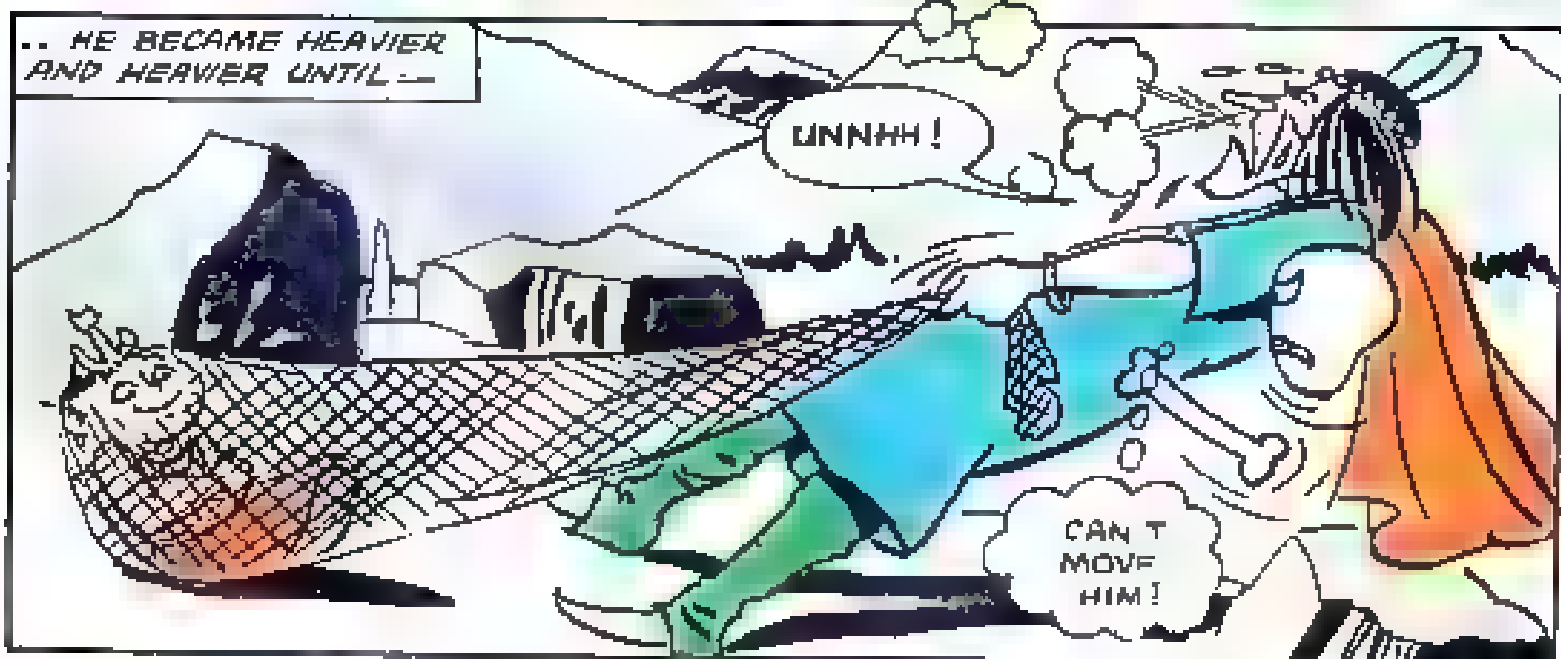
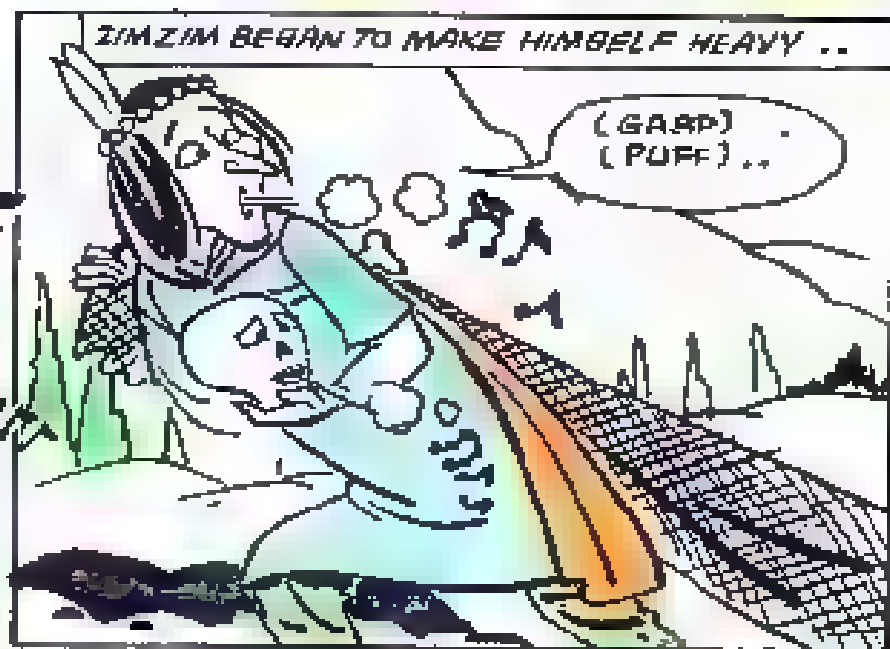
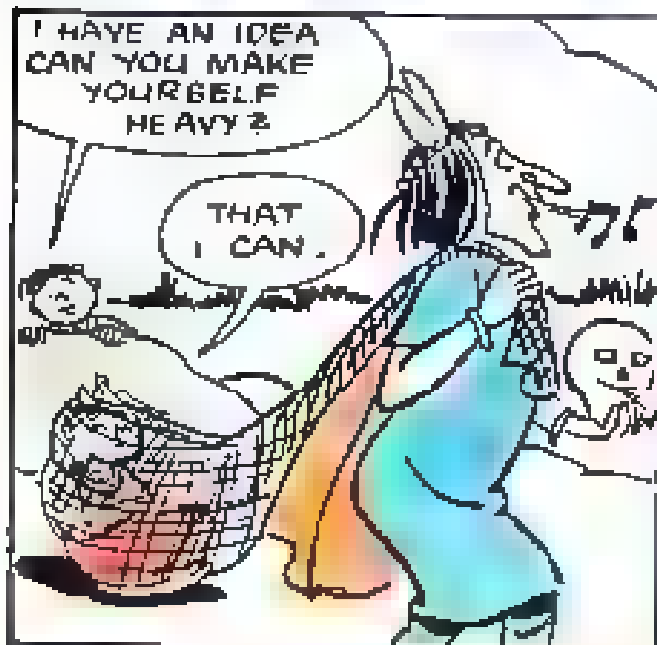
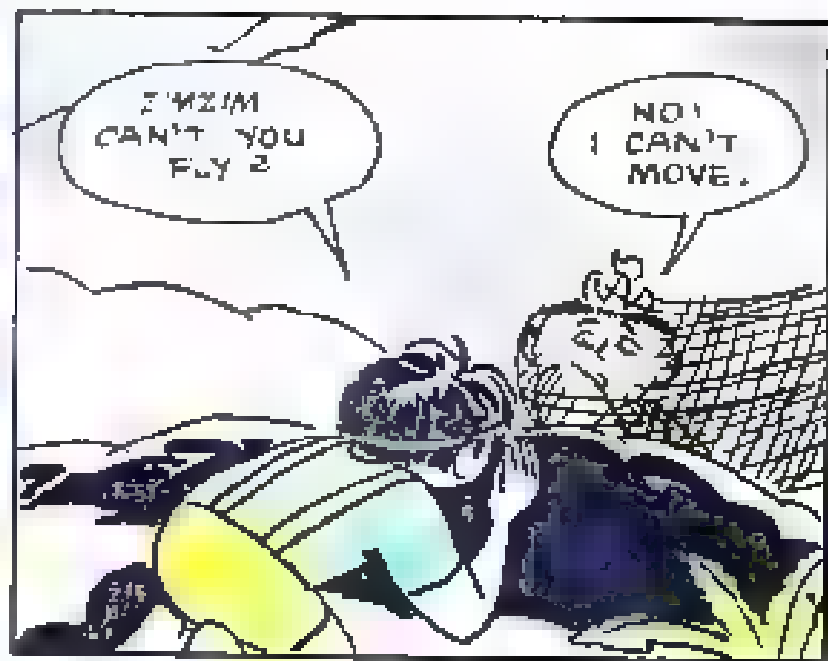
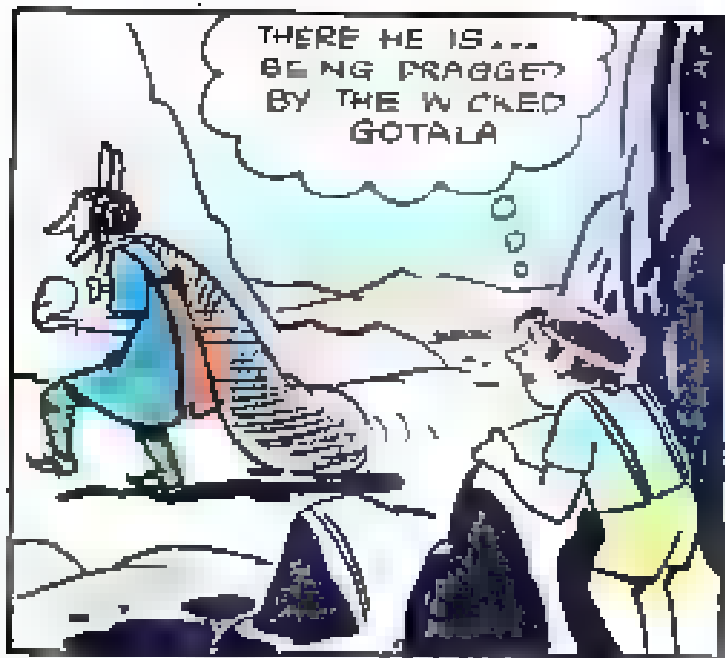


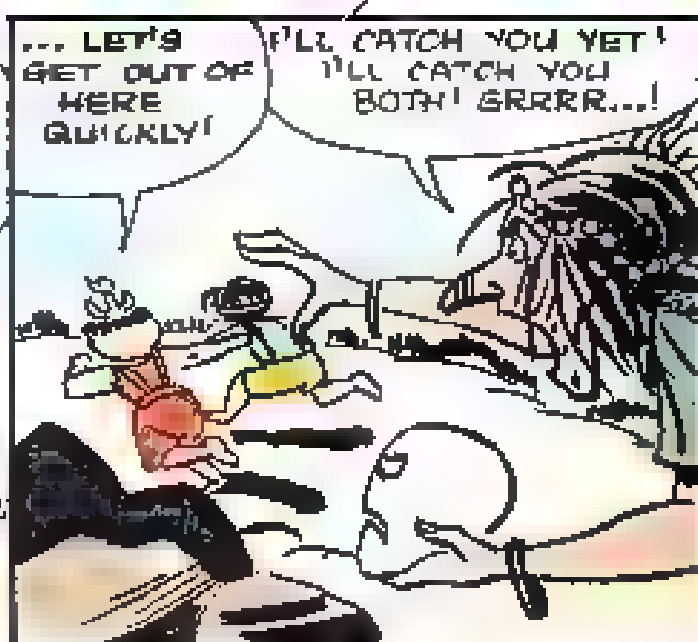
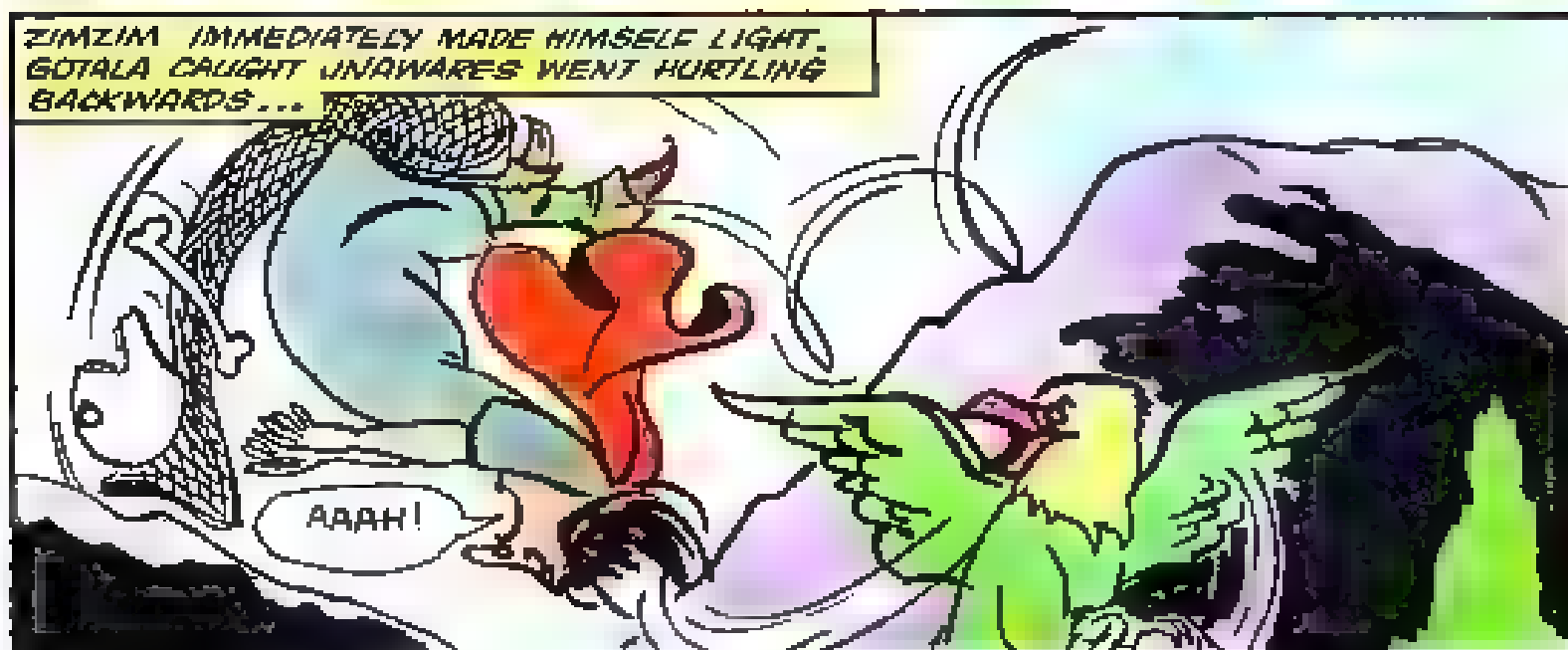
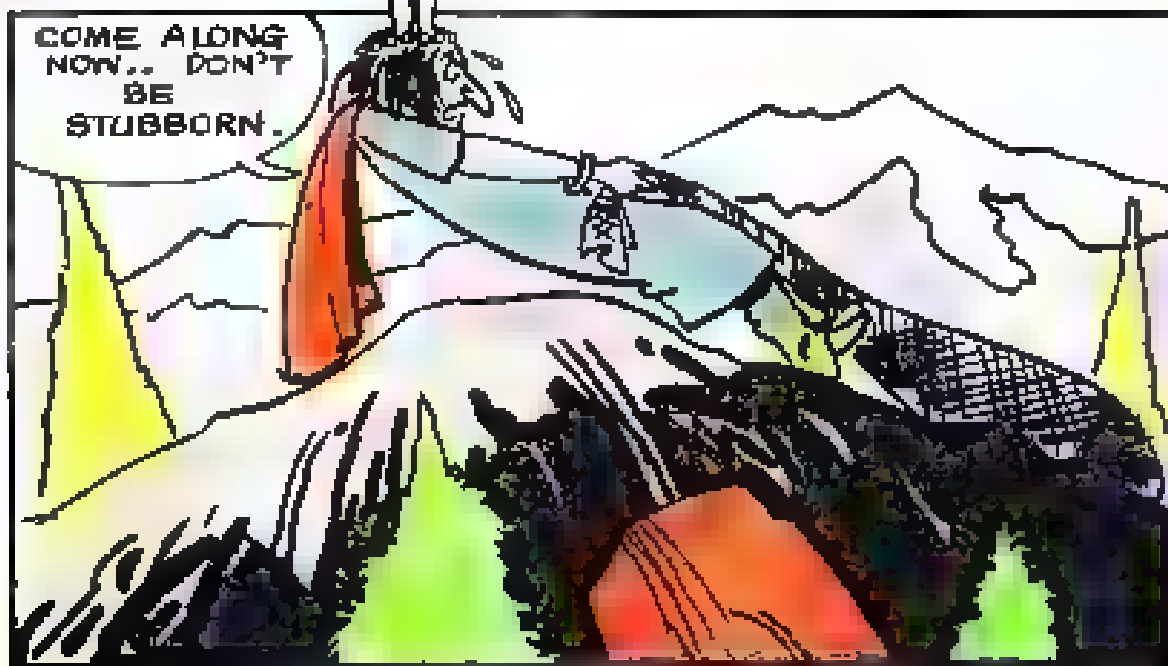
ZIMZIM THE DEMON AND GOTALA THE MAGICIAN

Script:
Luis Fernandez
Illustrations:
V & Halls









THE FOOLISH MISER

Based on a story about by:
 Mohanlal Ghoshal Khan
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 Bombay 400 077
 Modern Prakash

Illustrations: V. B. Halbe

SETU DANDAR WAS A RICH DIAMOND MERCHANT
 OF THE CITY -

HOPE MY EYES ARE NOT
 DECEIVING ME THAT IS
 A REAL DIAMOND.

HOW MUCH
 FOR THAT
 DIAMOND?

ONLY TWO HUNDRED RUPEES!
 YOU KNOW ONLY DEAL
 IN IMITATION
 JEWELLERY

HE DOESN'T KNOW
 IT IS A REAL
 DIAMOND I COULD
 GET IT VERY
 CHEAPLY!

I'LL GIVE
 YOU
 A HUNDRED!!

NO, SETU,
 I CAN'T GIVE
 IT TO YOU FOR
 THAT
 PRICE.

I WILL PICK IT UP ON MY WAY
 BACK BY THAT TIME I AM
 SURE HE WILL AGREE TO
 MY PRICE!

AND SO LATER
 SO WHAT HAVE YOU
 DECIDED? WILL YOU
 GIVE ME THE STONE
 FOR A HUNDRED?

I HAVE ALREADY
 SOLD IT FOR
 FIVE HUNDRED
 RUPEES.

YOU'VE
 SOLD
 IT!

THAT WAS A REAL
 DIAMOND! IT WOULD'VE
 FETCHED YOU
 AT LEAST 5000
 RUPEES

YOU'RE
 A FOOL!

SOLD IT SO CHEAPLY
 BECAUSE I DID NOT KNOW
 IT WAS A REAL DIAMOND,
 YOU ON THE OTHER HAND,
 KNEW IT WAS WORTH FIVE
 THOUSAND, YET YOU WERE
 NOT WILLING TO PAY EVEN
 TWO HUNDRED RUPEES FOR
 IT. SO WHO'S THE GREATER
 FOOL?

DANDAR HUNG HIS HEAD IN SHAME AND WALKED
 OUT

SCRATCH! SCRATCH!

—A folktale provided by
Alak Mather

Script: Adil Rangaswami
Illustrations: V B Hathi

ONE DAY AS KING ABHAY KUMAR
WAS STROLLING IN THE ROYAL
GARDENS, HE SAW A MAN RUBBING
HIS BACK AGAINST THE GATES OF THE
PALACE

ARREST
HIM!

AND BRING
HIM BEFORE
ME!

SOON —

WHY WERE YOU
RUBBING YOUR
BACK AGAINST
THE GATES?

MY BACK WAS
ITCHING AND THERE
WAS NO OTHER WAY
I COULD GET RELIEF,
YOUR MAJESTY!

GUARDS! GIVE
HIM A WARM
BATH

YES YOUR
MAJESTY!

AND MINISTER SEE TO IT
THAT HE GETS SOME MONEY
SO HE CAN KEEP HIMSELF
CLEAN HENCEFORTH

THE BEGGAR WAS BATHED AND FED AND SENT
AWAY WITH A PURSE OF MONEY

NEWS OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED
SOON REACHED ALL THE TOWN

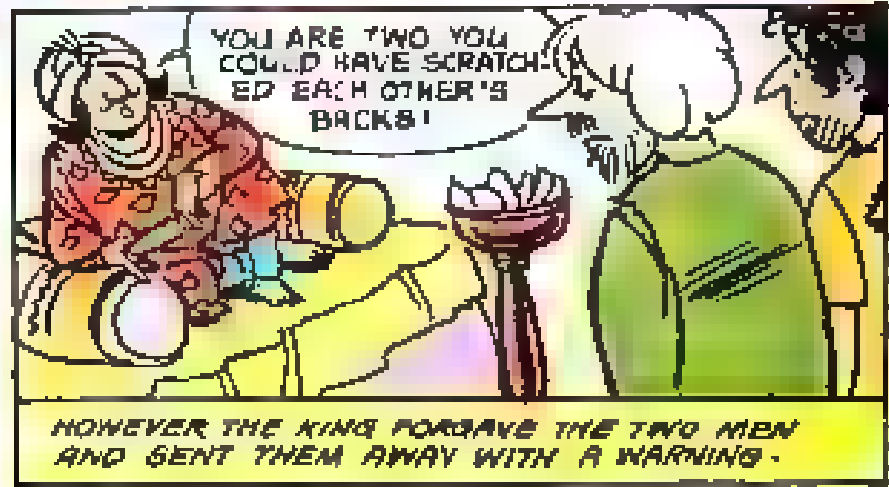
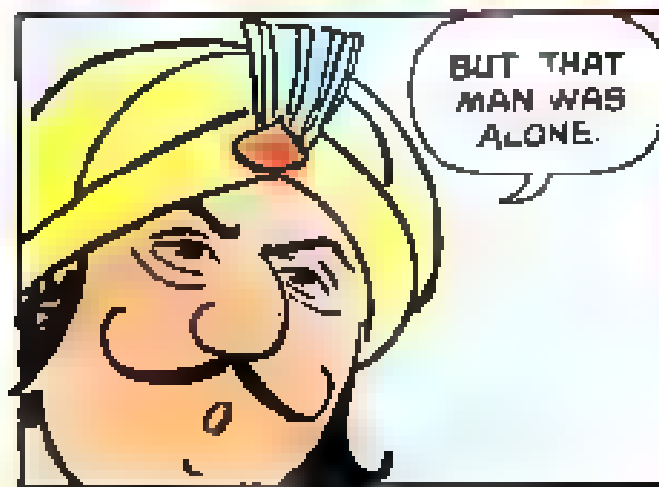
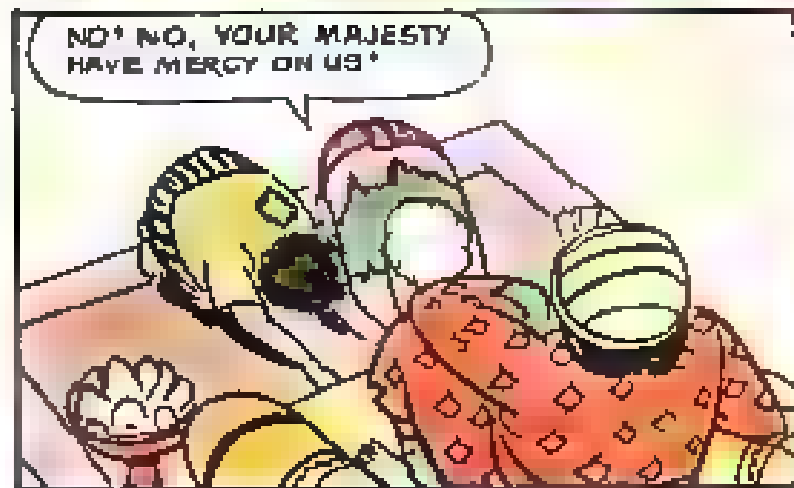
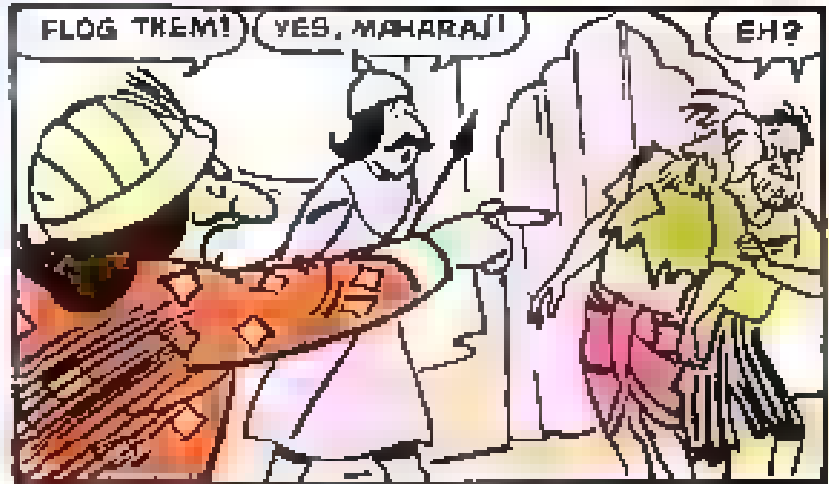
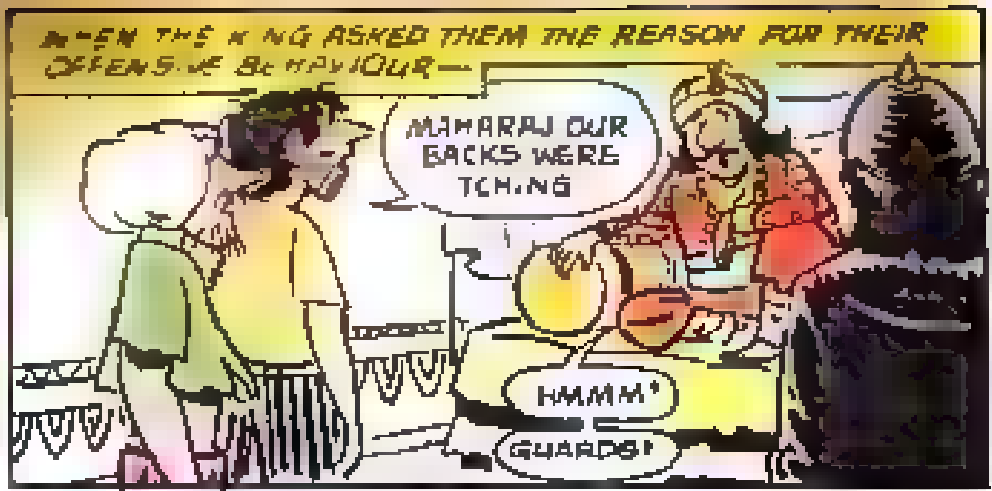
HEY WHY DON'T
WE DO THE
SAME THING?

YES, WE
MIGHT GET
A ROYAL
BATH TOO!
HEE! HEE!

AND SO

SOON

HEY WHERE ARE YOU
TAKING US?
TO THE KING!



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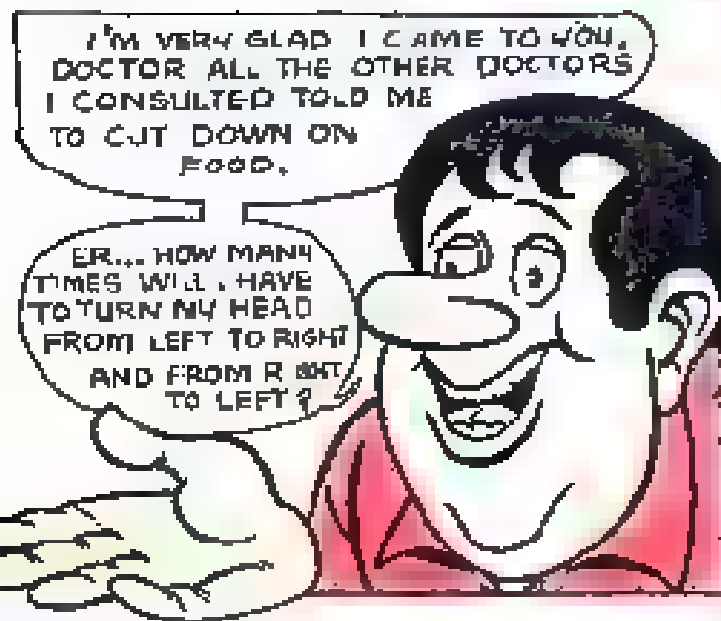
Readers' Choice

Based on a story sent by
R. S. Menaka

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Illustrations: Anand Mande

RAMLAL WAS VERY FAT AND EVERYBODY
MADE FUN OF HIM. ONE DAY-



VALMIKI'S RAMAYANA IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST POETIC WORK WRITTEN IN SANSKRIT; IT IS, THEREFORE, REFERRED TO AS THE ADIKAVYA. IT IS SAID THAT BRAHMA ASSURED VALMIKI THAT "AS LONG AS THE MOUNTAINS STAND AND THE RIVERS FLOW, SO LONG SHALL THE RAMAYANA BE READ BY MEN."

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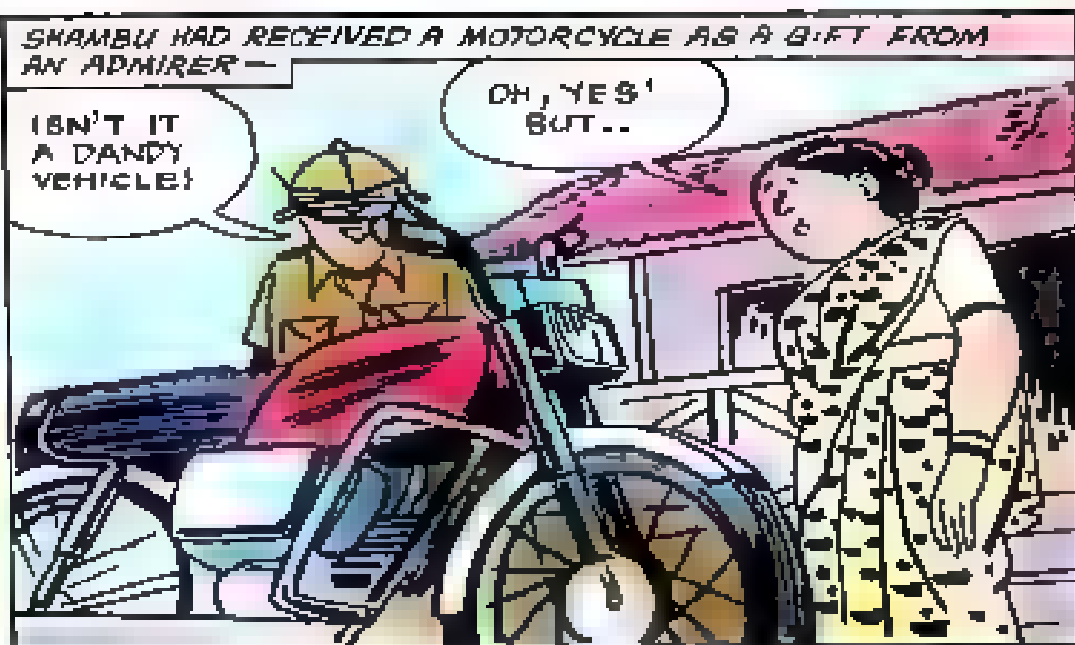
This story won a consolation prize in the Shikari Shambu story-writing competition.
Story by Master P. Ajay Ghosh
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SHAMBU HAD RECEIVED A MOTORCYCLE AS A GIFT FROM AN ADMIRER —

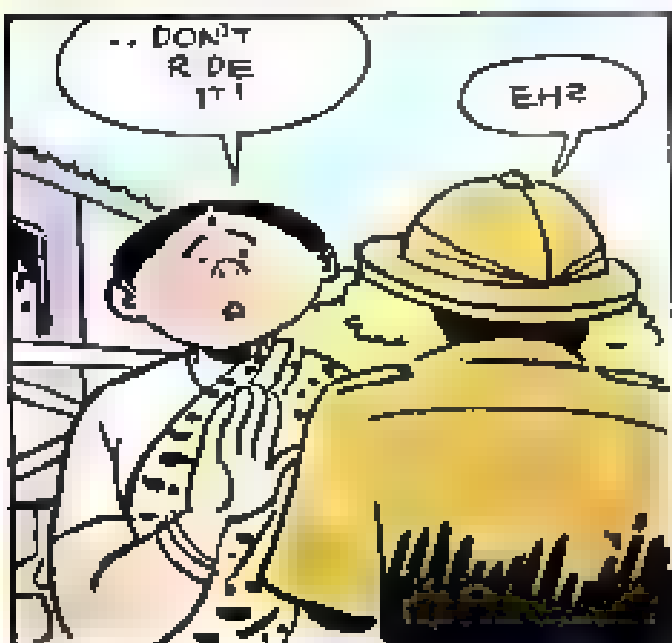
ISN'T IT A DANDY VEHICLE!

OH, YES! BUT...



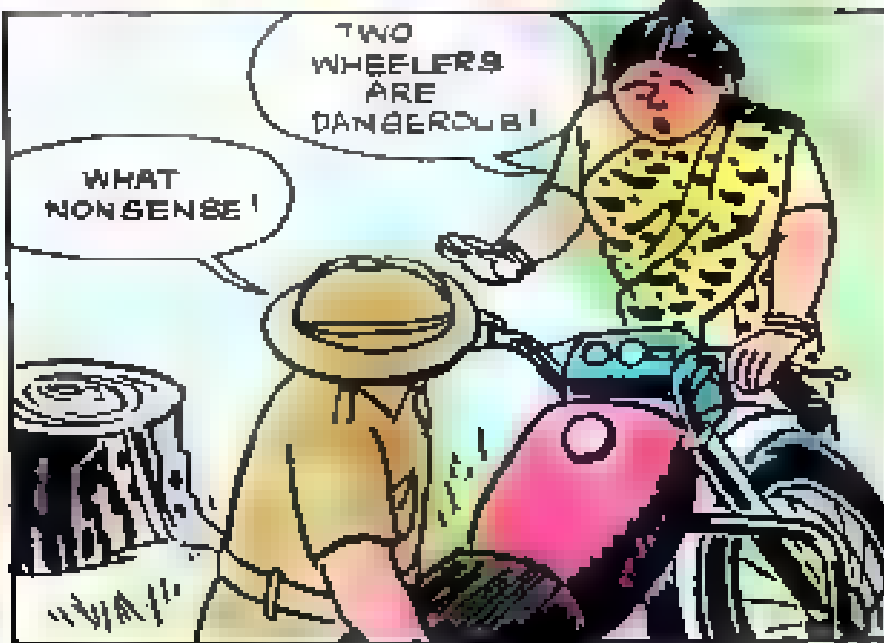
.. DON'T RIDE IT!

EHR?



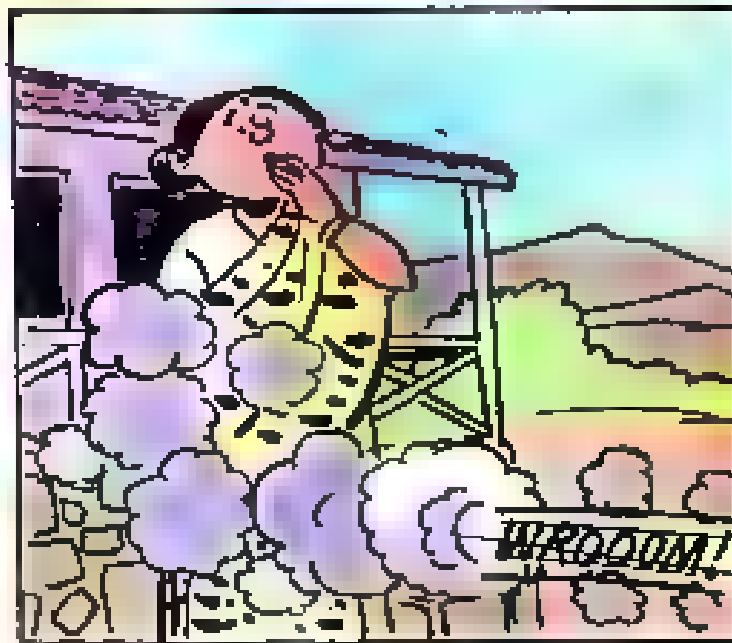
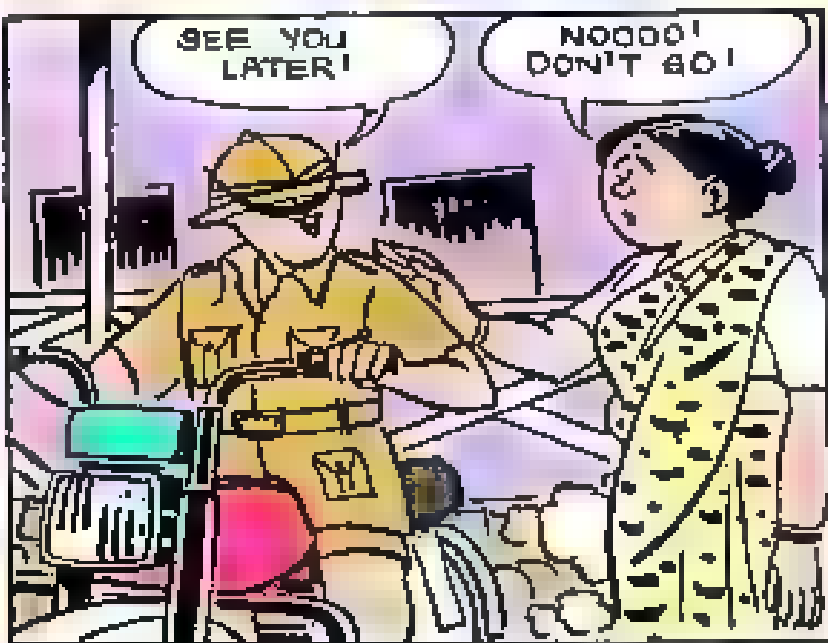
TWO WHEELERS ARE DANGEROUS!

WHAT NONSENSE!



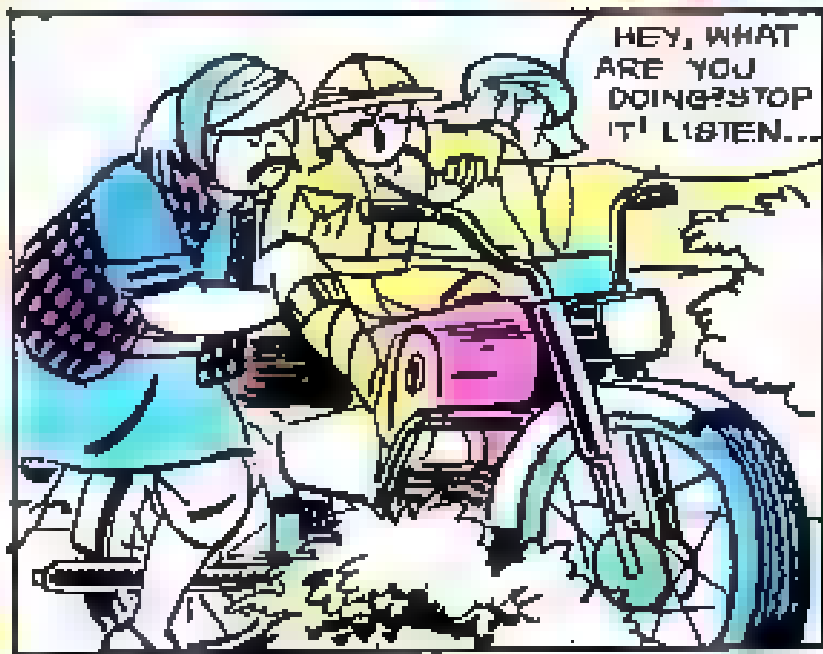
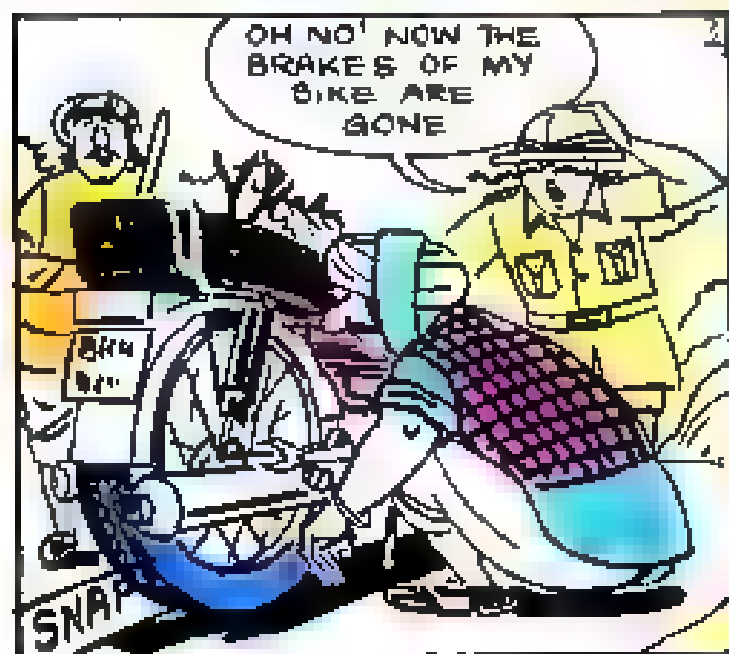
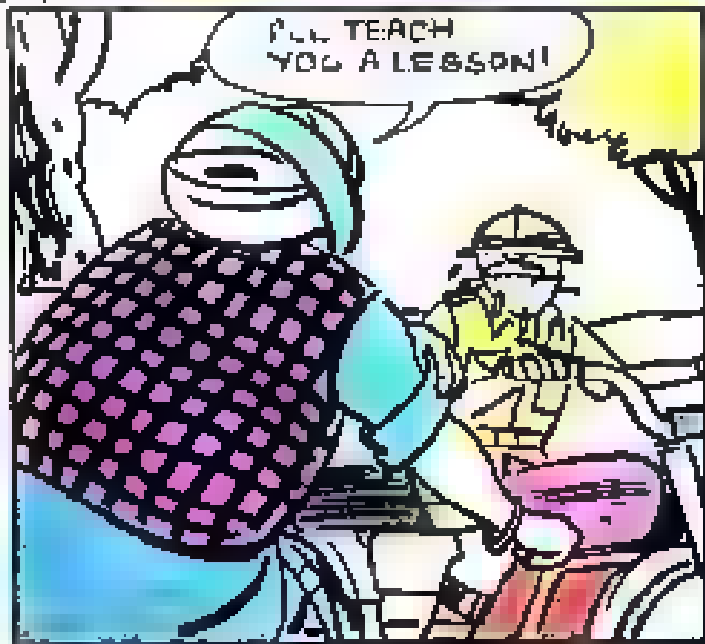
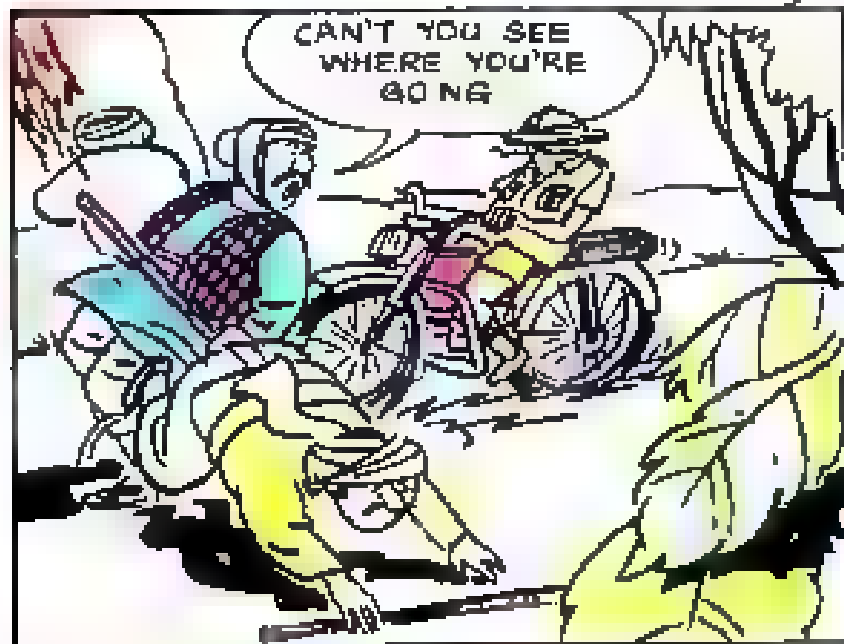
SEE YOU LATER!

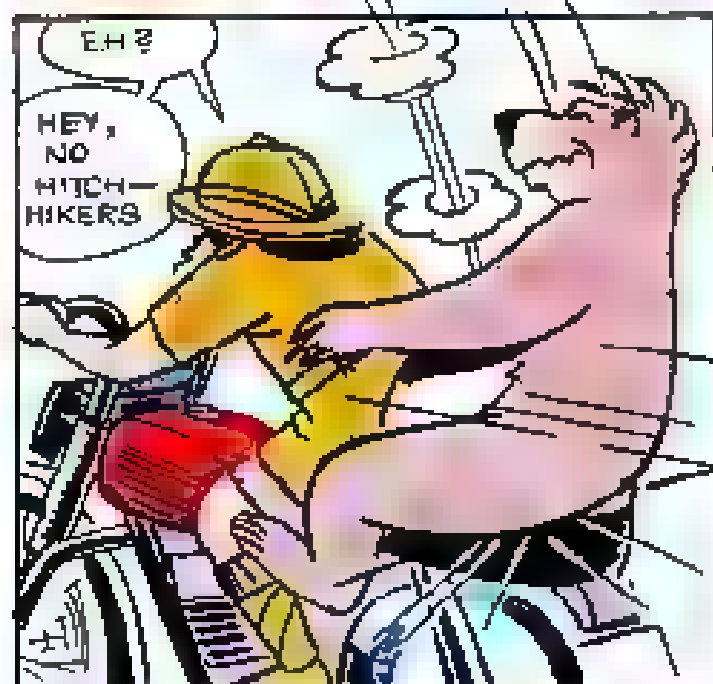
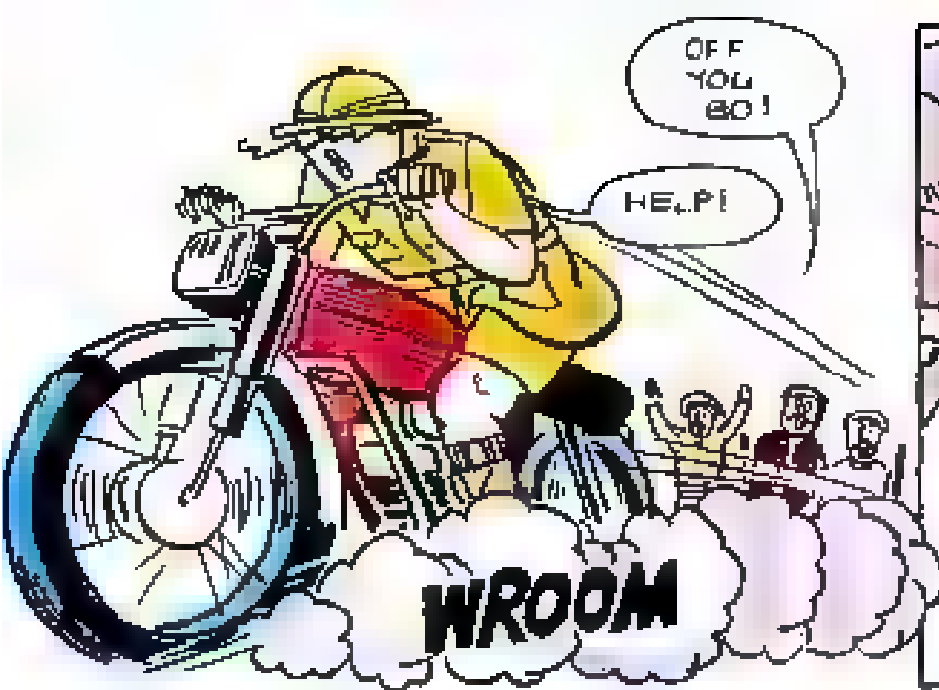
NOOOO! DON'T GO!

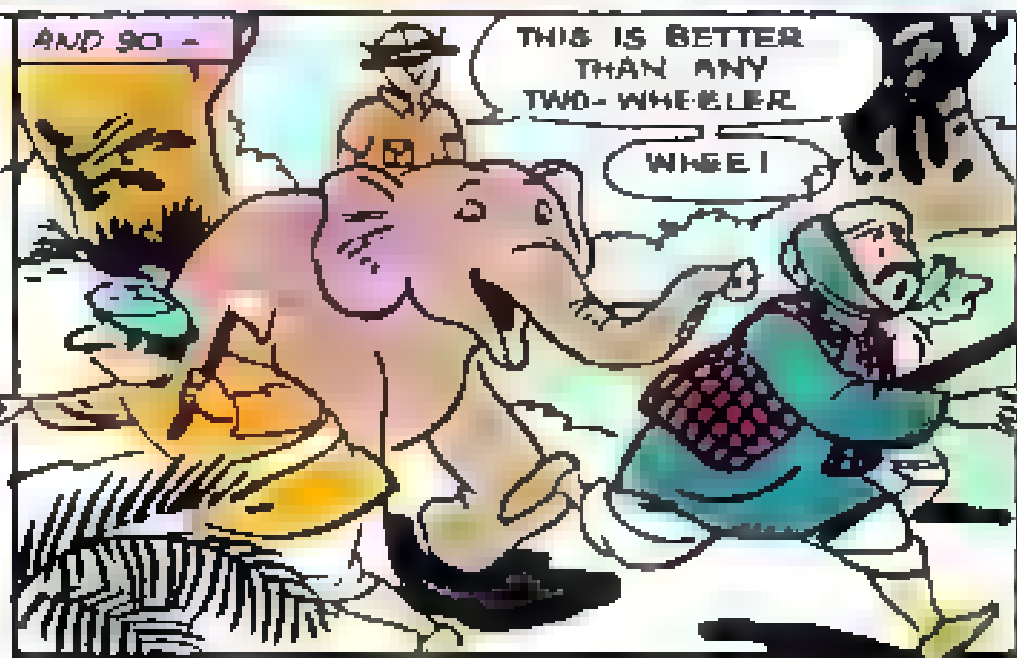
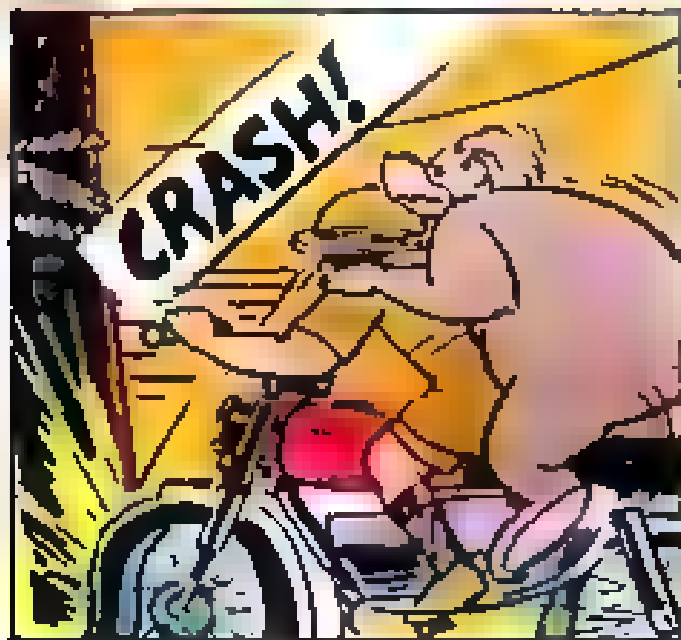


AND BOON—

WHEEE!
THIS IS
FUN!



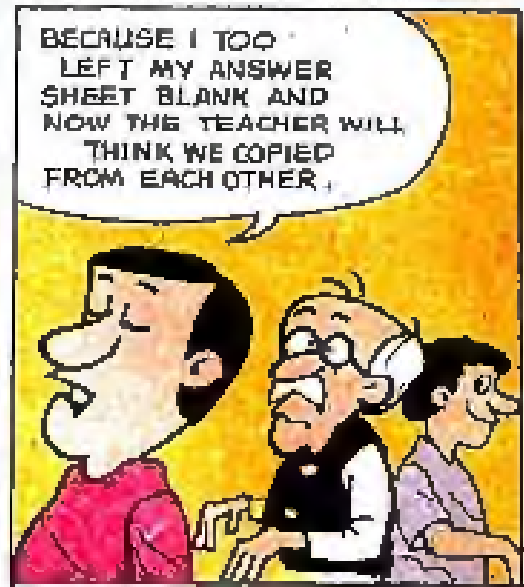
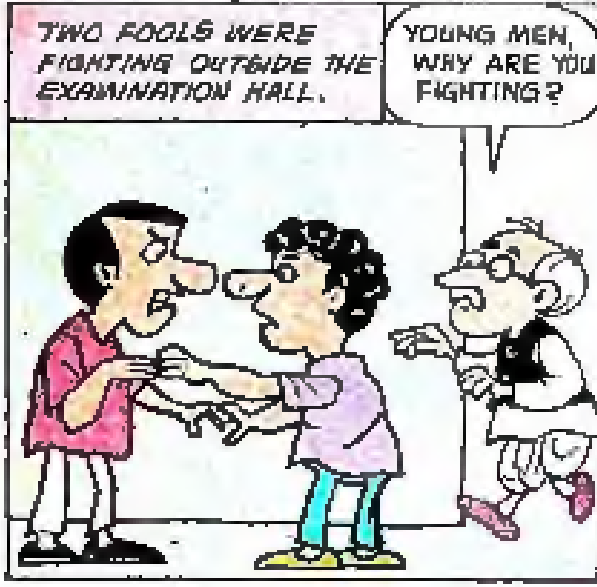




TWO FOOLS

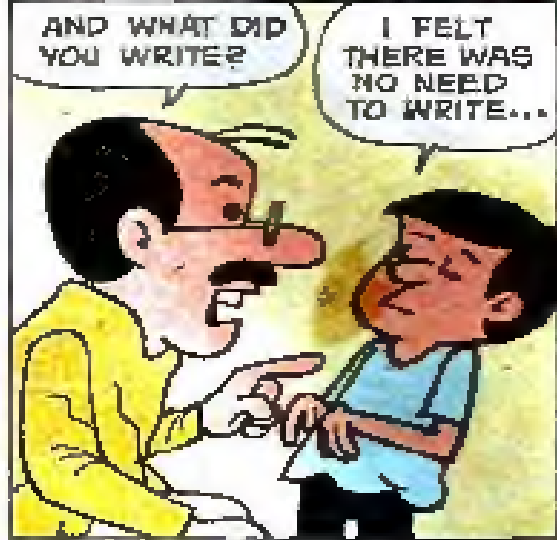
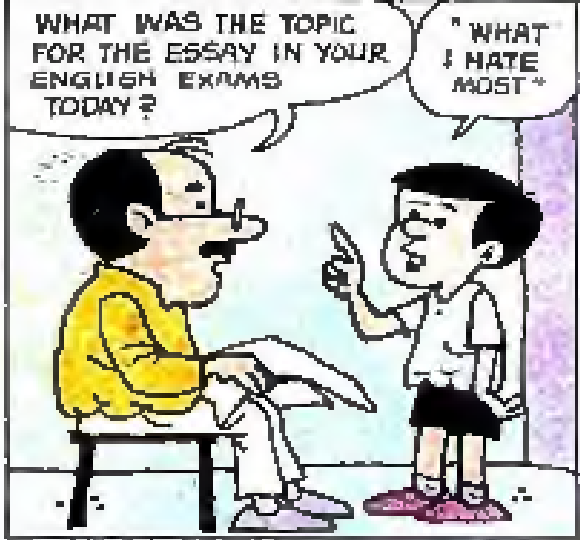
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Illustrations: R.A. Shaikh



THE LAZY WRITER

BASED ON AN IDEA SENT BY
PRANASH PAREKH "SAURAB", RAIPUR (M.P.)



A MATTER OF HABIT

AN IDEA SUGGESTED BY ADIL RAMDANWALLA



In the TV quiz programme on Christmas Day, a visual question was wrongly answered by one group of participants and not attempted by the others. My son, Vibhav, aged seven, who is a regular reader of Tinkle correctly identified the animal shown as the Red Panda, even before the quiz master could give the answer.
Dr. Pradeep Borker,
Mumbai 400 005.

In Tinkle No. 159 the article titled "Discovery by accident" was very useful to me. The Hamlyn quiz also helps me a lot.
Girish Verma,
E-24, Green Park (Main), New Delhi 110 016.

Please publish more animal features in Tinkle like the dog family in Tinkle No. 154.
Kunal Mittal,
8/8/1, Alipore Road, Calcutta 700 027.

I read Tinkle regularly and I came across a mistake in Tinkle No. 164 in the story "Mini & Jinni". Jinni first said "Mummy" to that lady and in the end she said "Auntie".

Priyesh Shah, Bombay 400 054.
You have not read the story carefully. The girl in the blue dress is Mini and the girl in the red dress is Jinni. Mini calls her mother "Mummy" and Jinni calls Mini's mother "Auntie". Editor

Readers Write...

The story "The Royal Command" published in Tinkle No. 164 is copied from one of the old issues of Chandamama.

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Hyderabad-500 008.
Vivasvat Keswan,
Bombay-400 080.
S.S. Rama Murthy,
Bombay-400 071.

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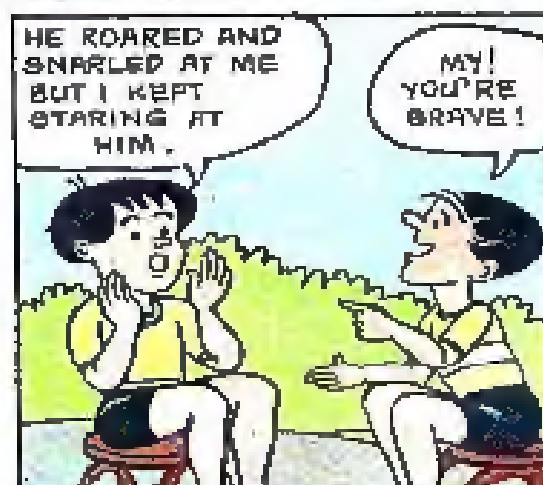
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